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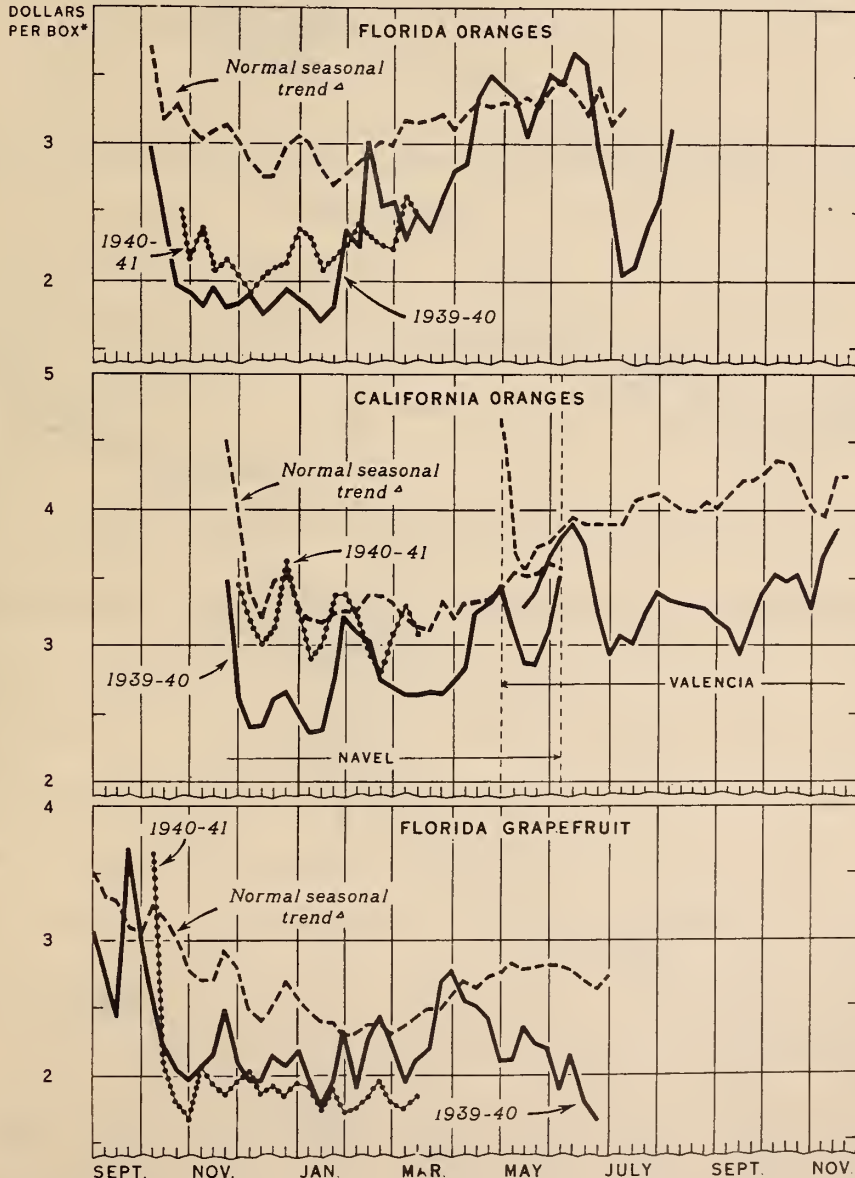
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ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT: WEIGHTED AUCTION PRICE AT NEW YORK, NORMAL SEASONAL TREND, AND 1939-41



\* FLORIDA ORANGES, 90 POUNDS NET PER BOX; CALIFORNIA ORANGES, 70 POUNDS. FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT, 80 POUNDS  
 ▲ ARITHMETIC MEAN OF THE EIGHT MIDDLE PRICES FOR EACH WEEK OF THE 12-YEAR PERIOD, 1927-38

# APPLES, WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY: WEIGHTED AVERAGE AUCTION PRICES, 1939-40

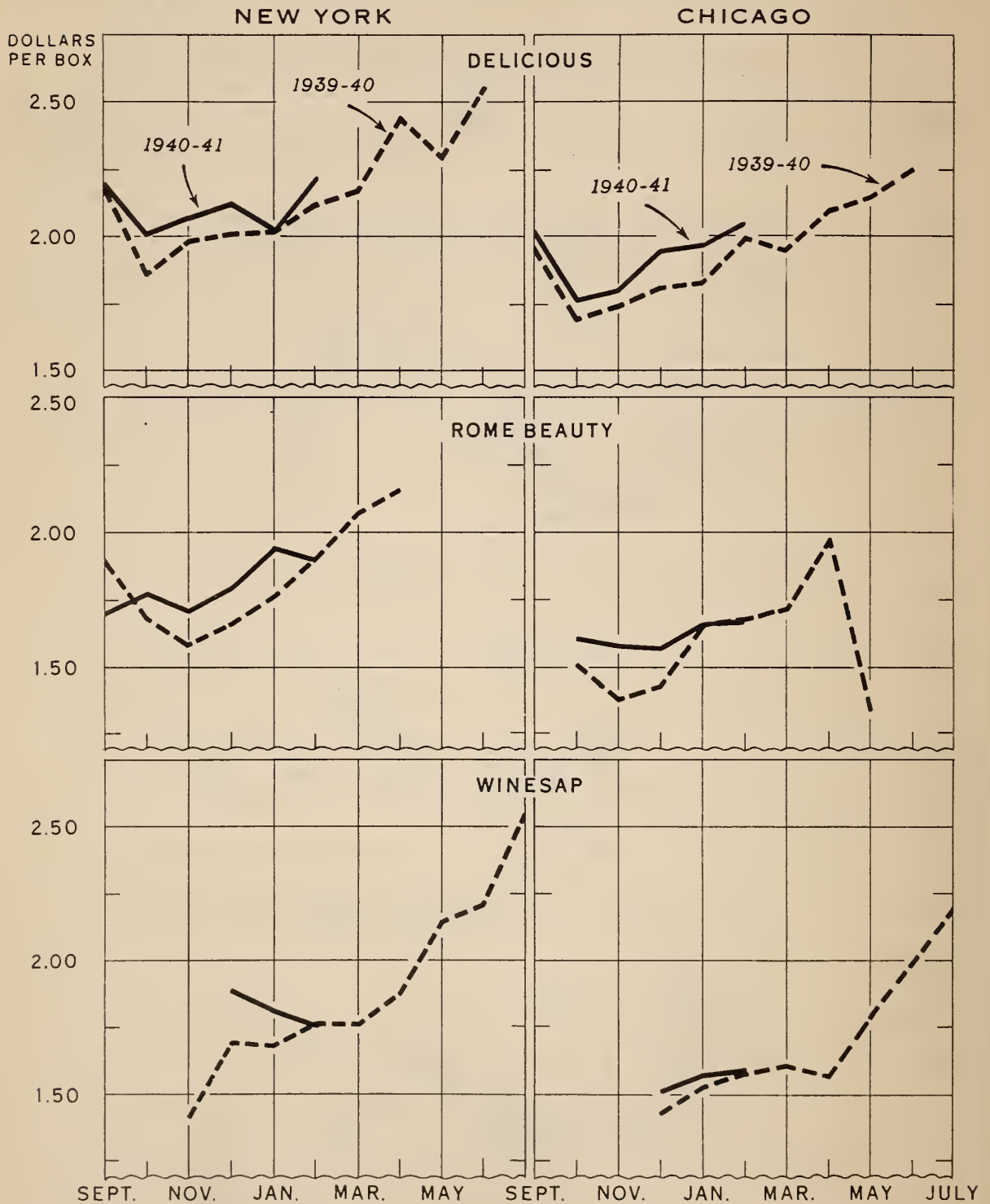


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Summary

Production of early strawberries is indicated to total 2,470,000 crates compared with 1,982,000 crates last year, and the 10-year (1930-39) average of 2,340,000 crates. It is estimated that 65 percent of the early strawberries will come from Louisiana. Carlot shipments of early strawberries from Louisiana probably will reach the peak the latter part of April. The average of strawberries available for picking in the second early States is indicated to total 61,300 acres compared with 51,300 last year. The effects on price of the prospective increase in supplies this year over last will be at least partly offset by increased consumer purchasing power. Incomes of industrial workers in the first part of 1941 are running about 25 percent higher than in the corresponding part of 1940.

Sales of apples in domestic markets between December 1 and March 1, 1940-41, were 2 million bushels larger than in the same period a year earlier. As a result of the increase in marketings, the rise in wholesale and auction apple prices from December through February was less than the rise during the same period last season. However, partly because of larger consumer incomes, apple prices are higher this season than last. In February, wholesale prices of apples averaged 22 cents higher than in February 1940, and auction prices averaged 4 cents higher. Cold storage holdings of apples on March 1 were 2.4 million bushels larger than on March 1, 1940.

It appears that 31,000 fewer boxes of late pears moved into regular domestic trade channels in February of this year than in February 1940.

The average price of D'Anjou pears in January was 40 cents higher than in January 1940, but in February the price was only 19 cents higher than the average February price a year ago. Prices of Winter Nellis in January averaged 3 cents above January 1940 prices, but February prices averaged 32 cents below those in the same month a year ago.

The March 1 estimate of total orange and grapefruit production was 4.8 million tons compared with 4.3 million tons in 1939. Orange production was estimated to be 9 percent larger than a year earlier, and grapefruit production 14 percent larger. Auction prices of California oranges at New York continue above prices of last year. Prices of Florida oranges, except for the week ended February 7, have been below those of a year earlier since the middle of February. Prices of Florida and Texas grapefruit in February averaged less than those of February 1940.

-- March 24, 1941

#### APPLES

##### REVIEW OF SEASON TO DECEMBER 31, 1940

The 1940 commercial crop is estimated at 115.5 million bushels compared with a 1939 crop of 143.1 million bushels. In the 1939 marketing season 127.9 million bushels were marketed, in one form or another, through regular domestic trade channels. At the beginning of the 1940 marketing season it was expected that the crop would be smaller than this figure and, therefore, even without any exports or purchases for relief the quantity of apples marketed in this country would be smaller than it was the year before. However, it was clear that the virtual loss of export outlets would make difficult the marketing of varieties formerly exported, and so the Apple Growers National Planning Committee recommended that the Surplus Marketing Administration purchase that part of the production of normally exported varieties which did not find a ready market in this country.

By early December 1940 it was evident that cold storage stocks of apples on December 1 were the largest since 1937, and except for 1931 and 1937 were the largest

in the last 12 years. The smaller apple crop, the placing of a greater quantity of apples in cold storage, and increased consumers' income resulted in auction and wholesale prices of apples averaging considerably above those of a year earlier from September through November.

#### REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

##### Domestic sales since December larger than those a year earlier

Cold storage holdings of apples on March 1 were 2.4 million bushels larger than on March 1, 1940. In December, holdings were 3.1 million bushels larger than a year earlier. From December 1 to March 1, 1940-41, 17.2 million bushels moved out of cold storage compared with 16.5 million in the same period a year earlier. Thus, 700,000 more bushels of apples moved out of storage from December 1 to March 1 this season than last.

However, the movement of apples during the last 3 months into regular domestic trade channels increased more over a year earlier than did the out-of-storage movement. Between December 1 and March 1, 1940-41, 2.5 million bushels of apples were purchased by the Surplus Marketing Administration and approximately 200,000 bushels were exported, but between December 1 and March 1, 1939-40, 3.3 million bushels were purchased for relief distribution and 700,000 bushels were exported. Therefore, of the 17.2 million bushels moved out of cold storage from December 1 to March 1, 1940-41, 14.5 million went into regular domestic trade channels, whereas of the 16.5 million moved out in the same period a year ago, only 12.5 million went into these trade channels. Thus, 2 million more bushels of apples were sold in domestic markets between December 1 and March 1 this year than last.

##### Purchases for relief slightly larger in February than in January

Purchases of apples for relief distribution totaled 1 million bushels in February, an increase of 86,000 bushels over the amount purchased in January. Surplus Marketing Administration purchases of fresh apples by months in the 1939-40 and 1940-41 apple marketing seasons have been as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>1939-40</u> <u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1940-41</u> <u>1,000 bu.</u>
August	156	38
September	0	355
October	1,748	1,762
November	2,501	788
December	807	527
January	1,464	936
February	1,024	1,022
March	890	
April	491	
May	8	

Factors contributing to large cold storage  
holdings on January 1

On January 1, 28.7 million bushels of apples were in cold storage. Except for January 1, 1932 and 1938, these holdings were the largest in the last 12 years. The apple crops in 1931 and 1937, however, were about 45 percent larger than the crop in 1940.

It is estimated that 86.5 million bushels of apples were marketed as fresh fruit in the 1940-41 season compared with an estimated 100.3 million bushels in the 1939-40 season. Cold storage holdings on January 1, 1941 were 2.5 million bushels larger than on the same date in 1940. Several factors contributed to the larger holdings this year. In the first place, in the western States, where normally a large portion of the crop is stored for late winter marketing, the apple crop was larger this year. The proportion of the western crop marketed prior to January is usually small relative to the proportions of the eastern and midwestern crops marketed in this period and, therefore, a greater proportion of the United States apple crop would have been in cold storage on January 1, 1941, even under normal marketing conditions, than on the same date a year ago. Second, the virtual loss of export outlets tended to increase the percentage of the crop going into storage this year. Third, a greater proportion of the apple crop is usually placed in storage in years of a small crop than in years of a large crop. The crop in 1940 was small relative to that in 1939. The combined effect of these three factors caused cold storage holdings on January 1, 1941 to be larger than on January 1, 1940.

The accompanying table shows estimates for the past 13 years of fresh domestic sales through regular trade channels for the periods July through December and January through June. The proportion of total sales made prior to January 1 and the proportion of total sales originating in Western States are also shown. The estimates of fresh domestic sales are based on Agricultural Marketing Service estimates of total fresh sales, domestic and foreign, 1928-39, and on estimated total sales July-December for each year. Fresh apple exports and sales to the Surplus Marketing Administration are excluded from the final series of fresh domestic sales.



Table 1.- Apples: Estimated fresh domestic sales through regular trade channels, July-December, and January-June, 1928-40

Year beginning July	Total fresh domestic sales : July-June	Fresh domestic sales : July-Dec.	Fresh domestic sales : Jan.-June	Percent of total sales : July-Dec.	Percent of fresh domestic sales originating in Western States
	Mil. bu.	Mil. bu.	Mil. bu.	Pct.	Pct.
1928	88.9	66.8	22.1	75.1	44.2
1929	79.0	53.4	25.6	67.6	43.1
1930	85.1	58.9	26.3	69.2	46.1
1931	95.2	67.3	27.9	70.7	31.4
1932	76.2	51.2	25.0	67.2	38.7
1933	69.6	49.8	19.8	71.6	32.0
1934	71.8	44.0	27.8	61.3	42.6
1935	88.9	61.2	27.7	68.8	29.0
1936	68.7	44.3	24.4	64.5	42.4
1937	99.0	68.6	30.4	69.3	27.1
1938	69.7	43.7	26.0	62.7	39.5
1939	88.0	61.7	26.3	70.1	29.5
1940	78.4	48.4	29.9	61.8	37.7

Approximately 62 percent of the estimated total fresh domestic sales of apples in 1940-41 were made prior to January 1, where 70 percent were made before that date in 1939-40. Approximately 48 million bushels of apples were marketed through regular domestic trade channels prior to January 1 this year compared with 62 million marketed in the same period a year earlier. Smaller marketings and increased consumers' income resulted in apple prices prior to January 1 averaging considerably above prices a year earlier. In December 1940 wholesale prices of eastern and midwestern apples averaged 34 cents higher than those in December 1939, and auction prices of Western apples averaged 8 cents higher.

However, as a result of increased marketings relative to a year earlier, the rise in wholesale and auction prices from December through February was not as great this season as last. In February, wholesale prices averaged only 22 cents higher than in February 1940, and auction prices averaged only 4 cents higher.

Estimated fresh domestic supply  
after March 1 exceptionally large

Table 2 shows the probable domestic supply of fresh apples from March 1 to the end of the marketing season for the years 1936 to 1941. In compiling this table no allowance was made for purchases by the Surplus Marketing Administration after March 1 this year. In the first 2 weeks of March the Administration purchased about 508,000 bushels of apples but it is not known how many bushels will be purchased for relief distribution between March 15 and the end of this season.

Table 2.- Apples: Fresh domestic commercial supply from March 1 to the end of the marketing season, 1936-41

Year	March 1 cold storage holdings	Exports after March 1	Surplus Marketing Administration purchases after March 1	Domestic commercial supply after March 1
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1936	17,928	2,253	1,987	13,688
1937	12,193	938	0	11,255
1938	19,540	2,740	1,605	15,195
1939	15,402	2,306	0	13,096
1940	14,493	367	1,389	12,737
1941	16,880	<u>1/</u> 80	<u>2/</u>	<u>3/</u> 16,800

1/ Estimated.

2/ Unknown.

3/ No allowance made for Surplus Marketing Administration purchases.

#### LATE PEARS

#### REVIEW OF SEASON TO DECEMBER 31, 1940

Prior to the present war a large proportion of the production of late pears was exported. From 1934-38 over 50 percent of total shipments of Hardy, Comice and Winter Nelis went to foreign markets. Before the 1940-41 pear season opened, it was evident that exports would be extremely small compared with those of preceding years. This meant that the proportion of the late pear crop marketed domestically would be extremely large in comparison with that of other years. Further, a crop larger than average (1934-38) was in prospect. In view of the unfavorable export situation the Surplus Marketing Administration set up a direct purchase program and a diversion program for fresh pears.

Production of late variety pears in 1940 is estimated at 6.6 million bushels compared with 6.0 million bushels in 1939 and a 5-year (1934-38) average of 4.7 million bushels. If the amounts unharvested in 1940 and 1939 are deducted from the respective estimates of total late pear production, the amount harvested in 1940 is approximately 985,000 bushels larger than in 1939. By October 1, however, large purchases of pears for canning and relief distribution had reduced the supply of fresh pears to such an extent that cold storage holdings were smaller than on October 1, 1939.

## REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Fewer pears moved out of storage in February than in January

The out-of-storage movement of late pears in February totaled only 198,000 boxes compared with 469,000 boxes in January. In February last year 256,000 boxes moved out of cold storage. On the basis of cold storage reports, there will be 87,000 fewer boxes of pears available after March 1 this year than last.

Approximately 7,000 boxes of pears were purchased for relief distribution in February this year compared with 19,000 boxes in February 1940. If relief purchases and exports are deducted from the respective out-of-storage movements, it appears that 31,000 fewer boxes moved into regular trade channels this February than last.

Auction prices of D'Anjou increased in February while prices of winter Nelis decreased

Auction prices of D'Anjou pears at the New York auction increased from \$2.32 in January to \$2.48 in February, while those of Winter Nelis decreased from \$1.83 to \$1.65. The average price of D'Anjou pears in January was 40 cents higher than in January 1940, but in February the price was only 19 cents higher than the average February price a year ago. Prices of Winter Nelis in January averaged 3 cents above January 1940 prices, but February prices averaged 32 cents below those in the same month a year ago.

Fewer Argentine pears sold at New York auction this year

From February 1 to March 14 a total of 49,025 boxes of Williams pears from Argentina were sold on the New York auction at an average price of \$2.29. Last year 70,237 boxes were sold on this auction market in the same period at an average price of \$2.22.

The Argentine Government has announced that it will permit a maximum of 300,000 boxes of pears to be exported to the United States up to April 1. Last year approximately 180,000 boxes of Argentine pears came into this country between February 1 and April 1.

## CITRUS

Orange production estimated to be largest on record; grapefruit production second only to crop of 1938

As of March 1, orange production this year is estimated to total 82.3 million boxes, a record crop. Last year 75.6 million boxes were produced.

The Agricultural Marketing Service reports that harvest of early and midseason varieties in Florida has been practically completed, and harvest of Valencias is now getting under way. The Service also reports that a larger portion of the early and midseason crop in Florida was utilized by processing plants than in any previous year.

It is estimated as of March 1 that grapefruit production this year will total 40 million boxes compared with 35 million in 1939-40. Production this year is estimated to be about 6.4 million boxes less than the record crop produced in 1938-39.

Orange and grapefruit shipments larger  
this year

Shipments of Florida, California, and Arizona oranges between October 20 and March 1 this season totaled roughly 53,900 cars compared with 51,800 shipped during the same period a year earlier. Shipments from California and Arizona increased by 3,400 cars, whereas those from Florida decreased by 1,300 cars.

Shipments of grapefruit from Florida and Texas between October 5 and March 8 totaled roughly 1,400 cars more than shipments in the comparable period last year. Florida has shipped more grapefruit this year whereas Texas has shipped less.

Florida orange prices in February below those of  
last year but California prices above

February auction prices of Florida oranges at New York averaged 25 cents less than those in the same month a year ago. By the middle of March, however, prices of Florida oranges were only slightly below those of a year earlier. Auction prices of California oranges at New York continue above prices a year earlier.

Grapefruit prices lower

Prices of Florida grapefruit at New York have been below those of last year from the beginning of the season to date. Last year Florida grapefruit prices rose from January to February, but this year they remained constant. Prices of Texas grapefruit at Chicago were below those of last year from October through December. In January they were higher than a year earlier, but in February they were again slightly lower.

STRAWBERRIES

Production of early strawberries is indicated to total 2,470,000 crates compared with 1,982,000 crates last year, and the 10-year (1930-39) average of 2,340,000 crates. It is estimated that 65 percent of the early strawberries will come from Louisiana.

The Agricultural Marketing Service reported early in March that a freeze February 28 and March 1 killed unprotected blooms in Louisiana, and as a result carlot shipments from this State are not expected until March 22-25, with the peak the latter part of April.

The acreage of strawberries available for picking in the second early States is indicated to total 61,300 acres compared with 51,300 last year.

Shipments of Florida strawberries from the beginning of the season to March 15 totaled 31 cars compared with 30 cars in the same period a year earlier. In the week ended March 1 wholesale prices of strawberries at New York averaged 13 cents below those of a year earlier, but in the week ended March 15 they averaged only 3 cents below prices in the comparable period last year. The Agricultural Marketing Service reports that the quality of the Florida crop this year is below that of last year. The effects of this and the slight increase in marketings upon prices have been nearly offset by the effects of improved consumer purchasing power.

Table 3.- Apples, Washington: Weighted average auction price per box, specified varieties, extra fancy grade, at New York and Chicago, 1941 with comparisons

Market and period	1940				1941			
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
New York:								
Month-								
Jan.	2.02	1.77	1.68	1.84	2.03	1.94	1.81	1.87
Feb.	2.12	1.90	1.76	1.88	2.22	1.90	1.75	2.00
Week-								
Feb. 14:	2.08	1.83	1.83	1.88	2.19	1.88	1.73	2.00
21:	2.08	1.82	1.75	1.83	2.31	1.91	1.78	2.03
28:	2.23	1.84	1.65	1.85	2.19	1.95	1.74	1.99
Mar. 7:	2.21	1.99	1.73	1.99	2.16	2.05	1.73	1.97
14:	2.18	2.12	1.80	1.97	2.37	2.06	1.71	2.01
Chicago:								
Month-								
Jan.	1.83	1.66	1.53	1.67	1.97	1.66	1.57	1.70
Feb.	1.98	1.68	1.58	1.72	2.05	1.67	1.59	1.68
Week-								
Feb. 14:	1.89	1.67	1.59	1.70	2.03	1.67	1.58	1.65
21:	2.02	1.74	1.65	1.77	2.00	1.65	1.58	1.65
28:	1.99	1.68	1.68	1.80	2.16	1.76	1.59	1.73
Mar. 7:	1.98	1.72	1.67	1.83	2.07	1.66	1.51	1.72
14:	1.85	1.71	1.62	1.71	2.27	1.68	1.61	1.84

Compiled from New York Daily Fruit Reporter, deciduous section and Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Reporter.

1/ Includes all grades of leading varieties from Western States.

Table 4.- Pears, western: Weighted average auction price per box, specified varieties, all grades, at New York and Chicago, 1941 with comparisons

Market and period	1940		1941	
	D'Anjou Dollars	Winter Nelis Dollars	D'Anjou Dollars	Winter Nelis Dollars
<u>New York</u>				
Month-				
Jan. ....	1.92	1.80	2.32	1.83
Feb. ....	2.29	1.97	2.48	1.65
Week-				
Feb. 14 .....	2.39	2.03	2.47	1.50
21 .....	2.35	1.84	2.49	1.74
28 .....	2.39	2.08	2.58	1.83
Mar. 7 .....	2.41	1.90	2.75	2.15
14 .....	2.48	1.98	2.84	2.17
<u>Chicago</u>				
Month-				
Jan. ....	1.96	---	2.30	---
Feb. ....	2.15	---	2.48	1.57
Week-				
Feb. 14 .....	2.14	---	2.46	---
21 .....	2.45	---	2.62	1.67
28 .....	2.57	---	2.50	1.51
Mar. 7 .....	2.51	---	2.71	1.03
14 .....	2.57	1.83	2.95	---

Compiled from New York Daily Fruit Reporter, deciduous section, and Chicago Daily Fruit and Vegetable Reporter.

Table 5.- Strawberries: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1930-39, annual 1940, and indicated 1941 <sup>1/</sup>

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	10-year:	10-year:	Prelim-:	10-year:	Indica-:	10-year:	Indi-		
	average:	1940	inary:	average:	ted	average:	cated		
	1930-39:	1940	1941	1930-39:	1941	1930-39:	1941		
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Crates	Crates	Crates	crates	crates	crates
Early (1)							1,000	1,000	1,000
Florida ....	8,690	7,200	5,500	70.0	70.0	60.0	610	504	330
Early (2)									
Alabama ....	3,790	3,800	4,000	74.0	85.0	100.0	277	323	400
Louisiana ..	19,690	23,000	23,000	66.0	45.0	70.0	1,283	1,035	1,610
Mississippi:	780	300	330	54.0	60.0	70.0	40	18	23
Texas .....	2,350	1,700	1,950	56.0	60.0	55.0	130	102	107
Group total:	26,610	28,800	29,280	65.0	51.3	73.1	1,730	1,478	2,140
Second early:									
Arkansas ...	17,330	13,900	19,200	44.0	48.0		756	667	
Calif. S. Dist.:	1,740	2,380	2,500	184.0	165.0		318	393	
Georgia ....	460	200	200	57.0	60.0		25	12	
N. Carolina :	7,800	6,000	7,500	73.0	90.0		567	540	
S. Carolina :	480	300	550	68.0	80.0		32	24	
Tennessee ..	16,000	19,500	21,450	47.0	35.0		750	682	
Virginia ...	6,520	9,000	9,900	74.0	87.0		484	783	
Group total:	50,330	51,280	61,300	58.3	60.5		2,932	3,101	
Intermediate:									
Calif., other:	3,010	3,470	3,500	187.0	159.0		559	552	
Delaware ...	4,600	5,000	4,500	51.0	80.0		238	400	
Illinois ...	5,330	7,300	7,500	52.0	60.0		281	438	
Kansas .....	1,150	1,400	1,300	46.0	40.0		54	56	
Kentucky ...	7,170	8,500	8,900	54.0	60.0		377	510	
Maryland ...	7,170	7,900	7,900	67.0	90.0		476	711	
Missouri ...	9,510	14,200	14,900	39.0	25.0		365	355	
New Jersey :	3,700	4,400	4,800	84.0	100.0		310	440	
Oklahoma ...	1,150	900	1,100	35.0	35.0		38	32	
Group total:	42,790	53,070	54,400	63.1	65.8		2,698	3,494	
Late (1) ...	26,780	30,500	32,160	69.6	93.8		1,865	2,860	
Late (2) ...	22,920	29,400	30,000	67.3	97.9		1,543	2,877	
Total all :									
States ....	178,120	200,250	212,640	63.9	71.5		11,378	14,314	

Compiled from the reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

<sup>1/</sup> Estimates include undetermined quantities used for processing; production in crates of 24 quarts.



Table 6.- Oranges: Total weekly shipments from producing areas, by varieties, September to March, 1939-41 1/

Week ended	1939				1940				1941		
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Sept. 7:	1,363	---	4	---	1,367	1,592	---	---	---	1,592	108
14:	1,461	---	5	---	1,466	1,463	---	---	---	1,463	116
21:	1,260	---	5	---	1,265	1,541	---	---	---	1,541	110
28:	1,313	---	18	---	1,331	1,311	---	---	---	1,311	89
Oct. 5:	1,520	---	184	16	1,720	1,528	---	---	---	1,528	89
12:	1,337	---	872	114	2,323	1,460	---	11	127	1,598	94
19:	911	---	1,094	169	2,178	1,625	---	92	156	1,873	86
26:	753	---	989	170	1,990	1,340	---	497	273	2,110	48
Nov. 2:	555	---	1,175	157	1,990	1,143	---	712	241	2,097	16
9:	335	76	1,178	190	1,901	609	1	1,170	229	2,033	---
16:	218	518	1,641	221	2,996	174	10	1,592	185	2,065	---
23:	160	1,153	1,430	252	3,353	75	1,042	1,701	300	3,376	2
30:	76	1,197	1,629	224	3,637	20	1,462	1,708	224	3,798	1
Dec. 7:	58	1,452	2,179	225	4,417	22	1,815	1,781	261	4,349	3
14:	54	855	3,297	359	5,250	10	1,606	2,609	354	5,152	1
21:	43	620	2,594	296	4,179	---	1,000	2,654	339	4,577	7
28:	28	557	1,226	147	2,212	---	799	771	88	1,892	2
Jan. 4:	21	690	1,867	150	3,196	---	1,008	1,619	223	3,506	---
11:	10	323	2,246	191	3,086	---	1,168	1,757	240	3,466	9
18:	19	1,004	2,063	178	3,564	---	1,213	2,157	251	3,870	16
25:	14	1,318	2,097	194	3,819	---	1,457	2,042	291	4,069	14
Feb. 1:	6	1,047	2,860	281	4,335	---	1,464	2,120	216	4,140	4
8:	---	908	284	320	1,547	---	1,710	1,784	230	3,976	13
15:	1	1,278	1,776	398	3,497	3	1,346	1,871	262	3,733	10
22:	1	1,201	1,533	299	3,079	2	949	1,618	240	3,020	2
Mar. 1:	1	1,323	1,575	239	3,156	4	1,154	1,453	152	2,856	4
8:	2	1,410	1,268	161	2,852	12	1,224	1,994	287	3,582	7
15:	3	1,721	1,303	116	3,144	14	1,256	1,671	213	3,204	15

Compiled from reports of the Surplus Marketing Administration.  
 Rail, boat, and truck. No truck shipments reported for Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi; total truck shipments from Texas; interstate truck shipments from California-Arizona; interstate and intrastate truck shipments (excluding trucked to canners and to boats) from Florida. All data subject to revision.  
 Excluding relief shipments.  
 Includes shipments from all producing areas, and also tangerines.  
 Purchases made by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Table 7.- Grapefruit: Total weekly shipments from producing areas, September to March 1939-41 1/

Week ended	Florida	Cali- fornia- Arizona	Texas	Total	Florida	Cali- fornia- Arizona	Texas	Total	
		2/		2/	2/	2/		Com- mercial	Relief pur- chases
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
				1939		1940			
Sept. 7	17	63	---	80	---	46	---	46	---
14	22	66	---	88	---	81	---	81	---
21	38	24	---	62	---	70	---	70	---
28	128	28	---	156	---	55	---	55	---
Oct. 5	493	33	56	82	36	23	63	122	---
12	573	34	402	1,009	360	28	535	923	---
19	569	47	599	1,215	585	69	710	1,364	---
26	496	30	681	1,207	444	55	737	1,236	---
Nov. 2	397	35	606	1,038	343	43	584	970	---
9	430	31	721	1,182	457	41	604	1,102	---
16	455	43	694	1,192	551	36	730	1,317	---
23	485	53	777	1,315	426	32	775	1,233	65
30	587	48	680	1,315	356	37	602	995	140
Dec. 7	489	56	633	1,178	517	52	643	1,212	142
14	589	30	933	1,552	601	52	712	1,365	166
21	401	18	523	942	489	31	474	994	164
28	337	21	367	725	296	27	281	604	4
				1940		1941			
Jan. 4	543	28	690	1,261	668	31	735	1,434	---
11	582	41	883	1,506	673	59	884	1,616	249
18	491	51	746	1,288	709	76	924	1,709	130
25	421	50	721	1,192	745	64	869	1,678	146
Feb. 1	781	72	839	1,692	749	35	611	1,395	121
8	123	68	823	1,014	703	42	556	1,301	110
15	401	42	668	1,111	629	45	712	1,386	83
22	465	32	629	1,126	748	47	738	1,533	48
Mar. 1	512	43	757	1,312	831	35	517	1,383	60
8	403	62	693	1,158	877	37	742	1,656	72
15	377	50	701	1,128	798	33	767	1,598	57

Compiled from the report of the Surplus Marketing Administration.

1/ Rail, boat, and truck. Total truck shipments from Texas; interstate truck shipments from California-Arizona; interstate and intrastate truck shipments (excluding trucked to canners and to boats) from Florida. All data subject to revision.

2/ Excluding relief shipments.

3/ Purchases made by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Table 8.- Citrus fruits: Weighted average auction price per box,  
New York and Chicago, by specified periods, 1940 and 1941

Market and period	Oranges				Grapefruit				Lemons	
	California Navels		Florida		Florida		Texas		California	
	1940:	1941:	1940:	1941:	1940:	1941:	1940:	1941:	1940:	1941:
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>New York</u>										
Month:										
Jan.	2.64	3.17	1.94	2.23	2.03	1.84	2.21	2.40	4.47	4.19
Feb.	2.88	2.99	2.56	2.31	2.20	1.84	2.08	2.34	4.25	3.35
Week:										
Feb. 14:	3.03	2.92	3.01	2.32	2.28	1.84	2.21	2.38	4.47	3.26
21:	2.76	2.81	2.53	2.27	2.43	1.96	1.96	2.47	4.01	3.15
28:	2.70	3.05	2.58	2.23	2.25	1.80	1.90	2.22	4.01	3.40
Mar. 7:	2.65	3.31	2.30	2.64	1.96	1.73	1.89	2.54	3.74	3.55
14:	2.64	3.04	2.48	2.47	2.13	1.84	1.93	3.15	3.67	3.52
:										
:										
<u>Chicago</u>										
Month:										
Jan.	2.73	3.13	1.94	2.27	2.05	1.67	1.87	1.91	4.30	4.18
Feb.	2.86	2.94	2.31	2.39	1.92	1.67	1.96	1.89	4.03	3.38
Week:										
Feb. 14:	2.99	2.81	2.77	2.37	1.74	1.83	1.99	2.02	4.35	3.23
21:	2.83	2.88	2.45	2.39	2.42	1.19	1.94	1.93	3.60	3.22
28:	2.60	3.12	2.49	2.47	2.70	1.44	1.90	1.86	3.64	3.25
Mar. 7:	2.68	2.95	2.43	2.50	1.99	1/2.92	1.99	1.89	3.63	3.15
14:	2.65	3.00	2.52	2.50	2.75	2.22	1.97	1.91	3.66	3.14
:										
:										

Compiled as follows:

New York, weekly reports of California Fruit Growers' Exchange.

Chicago, Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Reporter.

1/ Less than 500 boxes.

Table 9.-- Fruit: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from originating points in the United States for the week ended March 15, 1941 with comparisons

Item	Week ended					
	1940			1941		
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	16	15	22	1	8	15
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Apples, western .....	557	631	563	585	571	633
Apples, eastern .....	253	162	180	191	187	185
Grapefruit .....	670	750	936	845	1,031	1,017
Grapes .....	1	5	3	---	---	---
Lemons .....	275	328	288	266	288	399
Mixed citrus .....	174	372	310	219	284	269
Mixed deciduous .....	5	6	6	7	3	1
Oranges and satsumas	2,558	2,465	1,966	1,997	2,545	2,330
Pears .....	44	50	47	40	35	41
Strawberries .....	23	---	3	2	8	8
Tangerines .....	---	176	133	51	36	24
Total .....	4,560	4,945	4,435	4,203	4,988	4,907
Relief:						
Apples .....	267	225	306	309	311	230
Grapefruit .....	---	83	48	60	72	57
Oranges and satsumas .....	---	10	2	4	7	15
Grand total .....	4,827	5,263	4,791	4,576	5,378	5,209

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 10.- Fruits: Exports of fresh, dried and canned from the United States, by months, year beginning July, 1939-41

Month:	Fresh fruit									
	Apples		Pears		Oranges		Grapefruit		Lemons	
	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes
July	108	53	179	58	287	55	60	44	102	43
Aug.	286	45	391	117	292	477	55	50	110	51
Sept.	348	77	291	52	234	227	56	31	60	33
Oct.	666	144	478	72	201	229	60	69	28	34
Nov.	701	111	276	56	260	227	71	61	26	36
Dec.	338	130	133	64	494	713	79	65	33	40
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes
Jan.	244	64	65	19	289	341	104	88	42	1/ 47
	Dried fruit									
	Apples		Apricots		Prunes		Raisins		Total	
	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
July	330	39	1,154	119	4,760	1,671	4,961	1,139	11,695	3,151
Aug.	228	28	4,610	98	4,448	1,034	2,771	690	12,568	2,002
Sept.	165	26	3,419	146	3,754	1,314	7,837	1,034	16,037	2,828
Oct.	2,403	218	3,673	126	15,268	2,449	27,351	2,069	55,000	5,340
Nov.	1,805	51	352	104	7,017	1,468	4,368	1,660	15,044	3,870
Dec.	1,129	48	727	138	2,731	1,301	3,385	2,776	8,592	4,700
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Jan.	512	26	565	88	8,333	1,264	3,530	5,059	14,937	6,742
	Canned fruit									
	Apricots		Peaches		Pears		Grapefruit		Total	
	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
July	3,447	43	2,847	180	1,169	67	3,204	28	16,165	872
Aug.	8,776	58	11,373	201	2,375	70	3,311	30	35,859	1,238
Sept.	5,870	55	18,109	385	15,531	343	2,784	49	64,350	1,642
Oct.	7,307	65	18,592	531	18,414	444	2,640	42	65,388	2,153
Nov.	1,751	90	7,043	573	6,472	320	10	10	24,589	2,186
Dec.	446	58	1,481	392	3,932	195	2,124	16	12,951	1,703
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Jan.	1,142	28	5,259	204	2,199	207	6,228	61	19,412	1,109

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

1/ Includes limes. Limes included in other fresh fruit prior to January 1, 1941. 2/ Includes evaporated fruit and dried fruits for salads, pears, raisins, apples, apricots, peaches, prunes, apple waste (except pomace) and other. 3/ Includes grapefruit, loganberries, other canned berries, apples, and apple sauce, apricots, cherries, prunes, peaches, pears, pineapples, fruit for salads and other canned fruits.

Table 11.- Fruits: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago, for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S.No.1 when quoted) specified weeks, 1941 with comparisons

Market and commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1940		1941			
		Mar. 16	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>New York</u>							
Apples, eastern 1/:							
Baldwin .....	Bushel	1.08	1.10	1.07	1.15	1.13	1.21
Delicious .....	"	1.36	1.48	1.43	1.35	1.38	1.41
McIntosh .....	"	1.25	1.56	1.15	1.71	1.75	1.72
R. I. Greening .....	"	1.10	1.14	1.16	1.20	1.30	1.30
York Imperial .....	"	1.08	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.12
Avocados:							
Calif. ....	Flat crate	2.00	1.62	1.58	1.78	1.81	1.73
Limes:							
Calif. ....	" "	---	1.56	1.62	2.09	2.18	2.16
Pears, Kieffer:							
N. Y. ....	Bushel	---	1.02	.99	.92	.90	.88
Strawberries:							
Fla. ....	Pint	.19	.18	.18	.16	.18	.16
<u>Chicago</u>							
Apples, midwestern 1/:							
Baldwin .....	Bushel	1.18	1.12	1.18	1.17	1.12	1.24
Delicious .....	"	1.60	1.44	1.44	1.46	1.46	1.44
Jonathan .....	"	1.54	1.22	1.28	2/1.06	1.23	1.20
McIntosh .....	"	1.47	1.56	1.54	1.54	1.53	1.62
R. I. Greening 3/ .....	"	4/1.35	1.22	1.24	1.22	1.18	1.39
Avocados:							
Calif., all sizes .....	Flat crate	1.98	1.66	1.68	1.66	1.62	1.64
Limes:							
Calif. ....	" "	---	1.00	1.00	.95	---	2.00
Nectarines:							
Chile .....	Flats	---	---	3.00	2.75	2.94	3.00
Strawberries:							
Fla. ....	Pint	.20	.18	.18	.17	.20	.17

Compiled from records of Agricultural Marketing Service.

- 1/ 2-1/2 inch minimum.  
 2/ Generally fair quality.  
 3/ Eastern and midwestern.  
 4/ Average for 1 day.

Table 12.- Fruits, fresh: Cold storage holdings, March 1, 1941, by geographic regions

Commodity	Unit	New	Middle	East	West	South
		England	Atlantic	North	North	
		Thou-	Thou-	Thou-	Thou-	Thou-
		sands	sands	sands	sands	sands
Apples .....	Barrel	---	4	---	4	36
Apples .....	Western box	10	55	125	103	45
Apples .....	Eastern "	536	2,334	423	30	959
Apples .....	Bushel basket	6	1,718	1,016	483	1,595
Total .....	Bushel	552	4,119	1,564	628	2,707
Pears, Bartletts ..	Packed box	---	2	1	---	---
Pears, Bartletts ..	Loose box	---	---	---	---	---
Pears, all other						
varieties .....	Box	---	11	6	1	2
Pears .....	Bushel basket	---	12	3	---	4
Total .....	Box and basket	---	25	10	1	6
		East	West			
		South	South	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Central	Central			
Apples .....	Barrel	---	---	---	---	44
Apples .....	Western box	6	39	47	7,168	7,598
Apples .....	Eastern "	---	---	---	---	4,282
Apples .....	Bushel basket	30	5	15	---	4,868
Total .....	Bushel	36	44	62	7,168	16,880
Pears, Bartletts ..	Packed box	---	---	---	2	5
Pears, Bartletts ..	Loose box	---	---	---	2	2
Pears, all other ..	Box	1	1	1	304	327
Pears .....	Bushel basket	---	---	1	1	21
Total .....	Box and basket	1	1	2	309	355

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 13.- Apples and pears: Cold storage holdings, March 1, 1941 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Mar. 1,	Mar. 1,	Feb. 1,	Mar. 1,
		5-yr. av.	1940	1941	1941
		1936-40			
		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Apples .....	Barrel	197	129	62	44
Apples .....	Western box	7,683	6,306	10,239	7,598
Apples .....	Eastern "	1/	3,760	6,074	4,282
Apples .....	Bushel basket	7,605	4,040	6,515	4,868
Total apples ..	Bushel	15,879	14,493	23,014	2/ 16,880
Pears, Bartletts	Packed box	15	19	7	5
Pears, Bartletts	Loose "	3	1	15	2
Pears, all other					
varieties ..	Box	366	414	525	327
Pears .....	Bushel basket	17	1	43	21
Total pears	Box and				
	bushel basket	401	435	590	355

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Previously included with "bushel baskets". 2/ The Surplus Marketing Administration reports no stocks of apples on hand March 1, 1941.

Table 14.- Apples: Holdings in cold storage, by States

State	March 1, 1941				:March 1, 1940	
	Barrels	Boxes		Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern			
	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands
Vermont .....	---	---	44	---	44	49
Connecticut .....	---	---	107	---	107	111
Massachusetts .....	---	8	412	---	420	344
New York .....	3	20	1,850	503	2,382	2,818
New Jersey .....	---	23	212	452	637	514
Pennsylvania .....	1	13	267	763	1,046	786
Ohio .....	---	8	92	196	296	360
Indiana .....	---	36	4	86	126	82
Illinois .....	---	31	166	362	559	349
Michigan .....	---	28	146	344	518	444
Wisconsin .....	---	21	16	28	65	46
Minnesota .....	---	66	---	4	70	24
Missouri .....	---	35	26	341	402	212
Virginia .....	30	32	822	1,350	2,294	1,698
West Virginia .....	3	---	66	133	208	142
Texas .....	---	36	---	1	37	40
Washington .....	---	5,872	---	---	5,872	5,027
Oregon .....	---	614	---	---	614	303
California .....	---	681	---	---	681	718
Other States .....	7	74	52	305	452	426
United States .....	44	7,593	4,282	4,868	16,880	14,493

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.



Table 15.- Fruits, frozen: Cold storage holdings, March 1, 1941, by geographic regions

Commodity	New England		Middle Atlantic		East North West		South Atlantic		East South West		Mountain		Pacific		Total
	At- lantic	1,000 pounds	At- lantic	1,000 pounds	North Central	1,000 pounds	North Central	1,000 pounds	South Central	1,000 pounds	South Central	1,000 pounds	West Central	1,000 pounds	
<b>In small containers:</b>															
Blackberries	---	25	111	2	6	---	1	1	1	159	305				
Blueberries	240	599	307	44	77	1	4	14	5	1,291					
Cherries	34	938	404	33	218	---	12	---	38	1,677					
Logan and similar berries	1	16	81	10	3	---	2	5	267	385					
Raspberries	75	217	361	144	151	5	21	15	279	1,268					
Strawberries	570	1,271	1,773	370	750	134	166	152	1,654	6,840					
Other fruits	105	1,442	2,064	103	223	260	60	17	3,557	7,831					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>4,508</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>5,959</b>	<b>19,597</b>					
<b>In bulk or large containers</b>															
Blackberries	204	771	320	353	563	14	71	1	2,237	4,534					
Blueberries	578	3,614	1,067	283	137	3	2	---	3	5,687					
Cherries	272	8,209	3,028	678	321	70	76	92	617	13,563					
Logan and similar berries	62	198	377	30	31	5	1	82	753	1,539					
Raspberries	1,352	4,226	2,271	243	156	111	14	9	594	8,976					
Strawberries	1,313	6,857	5,013	1,996	2,580	155	654	339	7,078	25,985					
Other fruits	219	16,003	8,516	348	1,113	320	376	109	7,550	35,024					
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>39,878</b>	<b>20,592</b>	<b>4,431</b>	<b>4,901</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>18,842</b>	<b>95,108</b>					
<b>Total, all containers</b>															
Blackberries	204	796	431	355	569	14	72	2	2,396	4,839					
Blueberries	818	4,213	1,374	327	214	4	6	14	8	6,978					
Cherries	306	9,147	3,432	711	539	70	88	92	655	15,040					
Logan and similar berries	63	214	458	40	34	5	3	87	1,020	1,924					
Raspberries	1,427	4,143	2,632	387	307	116	35	24	873	10,244					
Strawberries	1,883	8,123	6,786	2,366	3,330	289	820	491	8,732	32,825					
Other fruits	324	17,145	10,580	951	1,336	580	396	126	11,117	42,855					
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>44,386</b>	<b>25,693</b>	<b>5,137</b>	<b>6,329</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>24,801</b>	<b>114,705</b>					

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

